

# EMMAUS NEWS

## Gatherings

NOV 14TH      ZOOM VIRTUAL

Our November Gathering will be held via Zoom once again. The link will be the same as in previous months and will be sent out again via email or available on our Facebook page. There are still too many restrictions and safety concerns to hold an in-person Gathering, but we are enjoying the fellowship of our community this way for now.

De Colores!

## 4th Day Follow-Up

If anyone is in need of 4th Day Follow-Up training in order to sponsor a pilgrim or to be a team member, please contact John Blosser at [jpcameraguy@gmail.com](mailto:jpcameraguy@gmail.com).

Training can be done virtually, though it does mean you have to bring your own donuts and coffee. Sorry about that.

## 2021 Walks

FE-117 (M)  
Feb 25-28th  
Jake Riley

FE-118 (F)  
Mar 25-28th  
Sandra Coney

FE-119 (M)  
Oct 21-24th

FE-120 (F)  
Oct 28-31th

Please contact Ava Hanger at [ahanger@va.metrocast.net](mailto:ahanger@va.metrocast.net) if you are interested in helping the Emmaus community through any of the various volunteer positions listed.

If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD Ava Hanger at [ahanger@va.metrocast.net](mailto:ahanger@va.metrocast.net)

## Prayers:

To send a Prayer Request to our **daily internet prayer chain** or to become a Daily Prayer Warrior, email [fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com](mailto:fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com) or [1973.bliss.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:1973.bliss.debbie@gmail.com)

UPPER ROOM EMMAUS OF GREATER FREDERICKSBURG AREA

# CLD NOTE

Dear Emmaus brothers and sisters!

I don't know if it will be raining when you read this, but it is raining as I write. We need the rain; it's been too dry, so the rain is good. My air conditioner isn't working, so I'm glad the temperature isn't bad. I have a pair of roses on my kitchen counter, late blooms that came out because I finally got around to pruning the bush. They smell lovely. I have a large bowl full of apples from an orchard we visited for my daughter's 16th birthday last weekend; they smell pretty good, too. I can hear my neighbors chatting happily in their driveway as they take a walk in the rain; he needs to be as active as he can be after an injury this summer, so they walk rain or shine. My tea kettle is getting ready to whistle. My children are in their rooms enjoying a quiet day. My husband is on his way home from a weekend helping his parents as they settle into their assisted living apartment. His dad's latest tests came back very encouraging.

In short, my life is full of blessings.

It's so easy to list the blessings without acknowledging their source.

Look back at my starting paragraph. Just as in the Priorities talk, never once did I mention the One who blesses me. Yet, I remain blessed beyond my desserts.

I have a friend who lives in the Sierra Nevada Mountains area of Northern California. I'm waiting to hear back from her about whether her house survived the Zogg fire. When I heard from her last, I learned she and her family are safe, and she was grateful, even if her house is gone. Grateful, even if she has lost all material possessions and even her town.

I confess, there are days I don't manage to feel grateful. It isn't that I don't know how blessed I am, it's that I don't remember to acknowledge my blessings, I don't pay attention to how blessed I am.

Thanksgiving is coming. It won't be the same as years past, with my family's large-as-possible gathering. But I hope to still feel grateful for the Grace that has "brought me safe thus far".

De Colores!

Ava Hanger

FE-69, Table of Peace

# CSD NOTE

To My Emmaus Family and Community:

2020 has been a trying year to say the least. What I am about to say is just my personal opinion: In the midst of a pandemic, social injustices, and everything else, I believe the root problem is SIN!!! I have seen churches close doors, remove bibles and hymnals from our worship experience, no singing (just what the adversary wants.) We have soiled the worship and fellowship experience. And I am so saddened by this!!! I remind you of God's Word in 2 Chronicles 7:14. You know this verse

very well. I ask you also to look at Isa.

55:6-7. "Seek us the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Meditate on these scriptures and may the Lord be with you.

DE COLORES.

Robert Bumbrey

CSD and Lead SD Men's FE-117

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Families affected by COVID-19

Dwayne – diagnosed with lung & stomach cancer after just recovering from esophageal cancer.

Angia – scheduled for knee replacement, had a co-worker test positive for COVID-19 and hoping her test is negative so that her surgery can proceed as planned.

Lowery family – Mary Ann's dad passed away.

Lowery's daughter-in-law's brother passed away at 46.

Ralph Adams, 93-year-old hospitalized with COVID-19, and his wife Marie – they've been in assisted living and he handles a lot of her care.

Kathleen Holaday – been sick for about a month, scheduled for a cardiac catheterization, praying for a diagnosis

Rhett Lowry and Kittie Mann as they recover from their surgeries

Dakota – coming home from Iraq

Richard and Raven – Looking for a church family in Tucson

Mark Lewis – pain in knee, seeing an orthopedist

Marriages

Pastors in these difficult to navigate times

For the future, culture, and soul of our country

For churches and faith communities as the holidays approach, to find new ways to make them meaningful.

Praises and thanks to Emmaus

leadership and to the community for being loving and supportive during ALL THIS.

# 2020 BALLOT

## Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors Nominees

### Men nominated to the board: (vote for two)

- ☐ Jacob Riley
- ☐ Marc McDonald

### Women nominated to the board: (vote for two)

- ☐ Angia Grove
- ☐ Fanya Morton
- ☐ Fran Taylor

### Spiritual Director: (vote for one)

- ☐ Robin BeMiller

Because there will be no in-person Gathering in November, please mail or email your ballots for the 2021 – 2023 Board class. All ballots must be received, whether by email or in the post box, by November 12th.

- 1) Fredericksburg Emmaus  
P.O. Box 42094  
Fredericksburg, VA 22404
- 2) E-mail to: [root@fredwalk.org](mailto:root@fredwalk.org)

# ELECTION BIOS

## Men:

### Jake Riley:

My name is Jake Riley, I worship at FUMC, walked on FE 78 and sat at the Table of Luke. I've served in church ministry over the last decade & a half in everything from drama ministries, & lighting to leading a large group children's ministry preparing lessons for each week. I've been a part of the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community for 10 years and have teamed on 10 teams as well as 2 Epiphany teams at Hanover Juvenile Detention Center. I've served as an ALD on the last 4 consecutive walks as well as being the upcoming Weekend Lay Director for FE 117. De Colores!

### Marc McDonald:

Hello my name is Marc McDonald. I attend Stafford Crossing Community Church and have served in the past as part of the worship team. I am married to my beautiful wife Maggie McDonald and have a 4 year old daughter named Lilly. I have been a part of the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community for around 20 years. I flew on Fredericksburg Chrysalis #6. I have served on many weekends as a community servant, leading community worship during candlelight and closing, and have served in the talk room as assistant table leader, table leader, assistant lay director, music team, and music director.

## CLERGY:

### Robin BeMiller:

I serve as the Pastor of New Hope United Methodist Church in White Oak. I am a firm supporter of the Emmaus and Chrysalis movements and have attended Emmaus/Chrysalis Upper Room Training Events throughout the East Coast with my husband who was a Chrysalis Trainer for the Upper Room. My Emmaus Walk transformed my life and I can trace my journey from laity to clergy through my experiences with Emmaus.

I walked on Loudoun Valley Emmaus #38 in May 2001 and went on to serve on many teams culminating in serving as a Weekend Lay Director for LV #56 and serving on the Emmaus Board. After becoming a clergy person in 2011, I continued to serve on Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights in the Loudoun Valley Community as Assistant Spiritual Director and Lead Spiritual Director (LVE 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56, 58, 64, 70, 76, 78 and various Chrysalis weekends).

I have also served on Chrysalis Flights in the National Capital Area community (NCA Chrysalis #97, 99 and 100).

I also served on several Emmaus Walks in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community. (FE #104, 106, 110 and 112).

# ELECTION BIOS

## Women:

### Angia Grove:

I worship at Journey Fellowship Church in Fredericksburg, VA. In April 1997, I was sponsored through the Northern Virginia Emmaus Community and walked on Shenandoah Valley Emmaus 20 and sat at the table of Ruth. For many years, I was inactive in the Emmaus community due to the distance to the Northern Virginia Gatherings. In December 2001, Pastor Hank McCaslin came to Grace UMC and over the years ignited the Walk to Emmaus throughout the church (where I worshiped for 26 on many boards and committees, directed the choir and lead congregational singing, and was part of our praise band). As our Emmaus family grew at GUMC, I started attending gatherings, candle lights, and started on my journey of being a sponsor by sponsoring my sister Roberta on her walk. Emmaus members of our church were on the praise band (me included) and soon a number of us were part of the praise team at gatherings and candlelight. In 2011 I sponsored my gentleman friend Al (now my husband) on FE82. Since then we have served as community servants many times. In Fall 2017 I was invited to team on FE108. Wow! 20 years after my own walk I teamed in the talk room and my fire for the Lord was stirred up and I find now that I am a teaming junky (I think that is the term). I have teamed 4 out of the last 5 women's Walks and each Walk brings me closer to the Lord and my growing Emmaus family. I have been invited to be a part of the Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors and I will do my best to represent God and my Emmaus family to the best of my ability. I am currently serving a one year post on the board and am serving as Board secretary.

### Fanya Morton:

I worship at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

I walked on FE 100 and sat at the Table of Mary.

The Lord has blessed me in so many ways as a member of the Emmaus community. He has enabled me to sponsor pilgrims, serve on the servant team and have the privilege of serving as an assistant table leader, and as a table leader twice. I have given one talk.

### Fran Taylor:

My name is Francine Taylor. I am a member of Ebenezer UMC/Oldhams, where I serve as Chair of the PPR Committee and sing on the Worship Team. I walked on Fredericksburg Emmaus Walk #108 in 2017 and have served on each team since my walk through the Servant Team, the Music Team and as an Assistant Table Leader. I have a strong passion for the Emmaus experience and its ministry to create disciples for Christ. I prayerfully will accept this position if elected.

# VOLUNTEERS

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## Board of Directors:

### Class of 2018-2020:

Angia Grove (Secretary)

Jenn Bumbrey

Patrick Lonergan

Tom Wells

Brad Phillips (SD)

### Class of 2019-2021:

Ava Hanger (CLD)

John Blosser

Mary Jenkins

Bob Pickett (Treasurer)

Robert Bumbrey (CSD)

### Class of 2020-2022:

Larry Jenkins Jr (ACLD)

Al Grove

Pattie Lee

Mary Lee Hensel

Betty Jo Sims (SD)

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WLD Committee Chair – Ava Hanger

Community Members – Beth McBride/Butch Farley

Team Selection Committee Chair – Patrick Lonergan

Comm. Members – Chris Campbell/Joanne Wilson

- Team Registrar – Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Selection Committee Chair – Ava Hanger

- Pilgrim Registrar – Debbie Bliss

Nominating Committee Chair – Pattie Lee

Fourth Day Training Chair – John Blosser

Communications Chair – Mary Lee Hensel

- Website – Chris Campbell
- Database – Chris Campbell/Mary Lee Hensel
- Email – Chris Campbell
- Newsletter – Brooke Ferguson
- Daily Prayer Chain – Debbie Bliss
- Social Media – Chris Czubowicz

Weekend Supplies Chair – Chris Campbell

- Trailer – Chris and Karen Campbell
- Name Badge – Gary Adkins/Dan See
- Fourth Day Packets – Chris Campbell

Agape Chair – Al Grove

- Agape Bag Coordinator – Karen Campbell
- Prayer Vigil – Mary Lee Hensel/C. Campbell
- Snack Agape – Angia Grove
- Agape Book – Mary Lee Hensel
- Community Baker – Jenn Bumbrey
- Placemats – Mary Lee Hensel

Gatherings Chair – Bob Pickett

- Scheduling Coordinator – Bob Pickett
- Music Coordinator – Tom Wells

Group Reunions Chair – Jenn Bumbrey

Manuals Chair – Tom Wells

Face-To-Face Steering Committee Chair – Bob Pickett



# REUNION GROUPS:

SUNDAYS: Bethel UMC Men's Group, Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va 7:30 am POC: Brian Lewis 703-590-9343 Email: [bb3253@aol.com](mailto:bb3253@aol.com)

St. Matthias Reunion Group, St. Matthias Social Hall 12:15-1:30pm  
1st Sunday of each month POC: Tammi Ellis

MONDAYS: Ladies in Waiting, Falmouth, Va Meets every other Monday  
POC: Vonda LiCalzi 540-446-2682

Rainbow Group (Women), Lake of the Woods, location varies 10:00 am  
First Monday of month POC: Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

TUESDAYS: Lord's Lions & Lambs Group, First Christian Church 6:00 pm  
POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 [first.christian.church@verizon.net](mailto:first.christian.church@verizon.net)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Prince of Peace UMC, Manassas, VA 7:30 pm  
POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

THURSDAYS: His Joyful Croakers, Hillcrest UMC 9:00 am  
POC: June Riel 540-710-5949

His Seekers (Women), Jane Carwell's home, 703-969-4019 7:30 pm  
POC: Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or Jane Carwell [tjcarwell@yahoo.com](mailto:tjcarwell@yahoo.com)

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Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?  
Email Jenn Bumbrey at [livsnana3111@aol.com](mailto:livsnana3111@aol.com)

**Application Fee** \$25 - Due when you submit the completed application. If this fee is not included with the application the application will not be counted as valid until fee is received.

**Sponsorship Fee** \$200 - Due, (not mailed, but in the Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is not acceptable to bring the Sponsorship Fee on the night the Walk starts.

A check must be written to Camp Happyland the morning of the Walk and is deposited the next day. Therefore, for Emmaus to be good stewards and to be in line with strong business practices, you must send your fees in a minimum of one week before the walk.

**Team Fee** - \$200 - Due, (not mailed, but in Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is preferable that this is given to the Board Rep, for your Walk, during teaming.

**Mail to:** - All payments, applications, fees, correspondence, etc... should be mailed to P.O. Box 42094, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

## FEES